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Charles C. Lovell
Senior Judge
Date of Birth: 1929
Education: Montana 1952 BS, 1959 JD
Began Service: April 1985
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Government: Chief Counsel, Appellate Division, Office of the Attorney General, State of Montana (1969-1972)

Judicial: District Judge, United States District Court for the District of Montana (1985-2000)

Legal Practice: Church, Harris, Johnson & Williams (1959-1985)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1952-1954)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American College of Mortgage Attorneys; American Judicature Society; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Cascade County Bar Association; Montana Defense Counsel Association; Montana Trial Lawyers Association; State Bar of Montana

Staff
Law Clerk **Margaret Bentwood** (406) 441-1350
Education: Montana 1993 JD
Administrative Assistant **Jean Smith** (406) 441-1350
Education: Montana 1983 MBA

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Leif B. Erickson
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Montana JD
Began Service: 1992
Term Expires: 2008

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Montana Supreme Court (1967-1968)

Government: Public Defender (1969-1970); Deputy County Attorney (1970-1975); Deputy City Attorney (1979-1985)

Judicial: Judge, Montana District Court, 11th Judicial District

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1969-1985)

Staff
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Richard W. Anderson
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: January 1991
Term Expires: January 2007

Staff
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Carolyn S. Ostby
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
Education: Macalester 1972 BA;
Montana 1977 JD
Began Service: February 2002
Term Expires: February 2010

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Chief Judge The Honorable Russell E. Smith, United District Court for the District of Montana (1977-1979)

Government: Attorney-Advisor, Office of Legal Counsel, United States Department of Justice (1979-1981)

Legal Practice: Partner, Crowley Law Firm (1980-2001)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, Life Fellow; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature Society; Cascade County Bar Association; State Bar of Montana

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Gerard M. Schuster
Magistrate Judge (part-time)

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Montana 1967 BA, 1972 JD
Began Service: 1974

Legal Practice: Private Practice

Chambers of Magistrate Judge (part-time) Gerard M. Schuster continued
Military Service: United States Army (1969-1970)
Current Memberships: American Bar Association; National District Attorneys Association; State Bar of Montana

United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Montana

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Number of Judgeships: 1

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Ralph B. Kirscher
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
Education: Montana; American U MPA; Montana JD
Began Service: November 18, 1999
Term Expires: November 18, 2013

Affiliation: Adjunct Lecturer, School of Law, The University of Montana, Missoula

Academic: Adjunct Lecturer, University of Montana School of Law (1992-1997)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1979-2001)

Current Memberships: National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Silver Bow County Bar Association; State Bar of Montana

Staff

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John L. Peterson
Bankruptcy Judge (recall)

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Number of Judgeships: 3

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Joseph F. Bataillon
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Creighton 1971 BA, 1974 JD
Began Service: October 1997
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Government: Deputy Public Defender, Douglas County Public Defender's Office (1974-1980)

Legal Practice: Trial Attorney, Emil F. Sodoro P.C. (1980); Trial Attorney, Sodoro, Johnson, Daly, Stave, Cave & Coffey (1980-1981); Trial Attorney, Sodoro, Daly & Sodoro (1981-1997)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve (1971-1986)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar Association/Judges Division; Federal Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Nebraska Bar Association; Nebraska State Bar Association House of Delegates; Omaha Bar Association

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